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### Hongkew Celebrates Empire Day

A festive spirit prevailed north of Soochow Creek yesterday as Japanese celebrated the 1500th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire, the Shanghai "Shanghai" reported.

Hongkew streets were gaily bedecked with Rising Sun emblems, while official ceremonies were carried on at schools, the Japanese Consulate, and the Shanghai Shrine.

Japanese civilians assembled at the Japanese Central Primary School on Hange Road, at 8 a.m. and bowed in silent homage toward the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Ceremonies in which all present bowed to the Imperial Portraits were held at all schools under the supervision of the Japanese Red Cross Corporation, beginning at 8.30 a.m.

Mr. Yushiki Mihara, Japanese Consul General, had similar observations at the Japanese Consulate-General, where local Japanese officials and civilian leaders gathered.

A brief special service was held in the Shanghai Shrine at 10.30 a.m., followed by Shintoist ceremonies half an hour later, the Japanese daily stated.

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REPORT

Date February 12, 1938.

Subject.....The Ceremony of Japan's Empire Day.

Made by.....D. S. Kamashita Forwarded by.....C. Crawford & J

Japan's Empire Day ceremony which took place at the Shanghai Shrine on Kiangwan Road at 11 a.m. February 11 and lasted for about forty minutes was attended by some 900 Japanese officials and civilians. Among those personages were General I. Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Forces in Central China; Rear-Admiral D. Ohkochi, Commander of the Japanese Naval Landing Party; Rear-Admiral T. Honda, Naval Attache; Mr. S. Okamoto, Consul-General; Mr. M. Amano, President of the Japanese Residents' Corporation; and Mr. T. Urabe, Japanese Member of the Municipal Council.

Precautionary measures were taken during the ceremony by the staff of Dixwell Road Station, the Japanese Naval Landing Party and the Japanese Gendarmerie but no untoward incident occurred.



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THE CEREMONY OF JAPAN'S EMPIRE DAY

Tomorrow, February 11, is the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Jimmu and is a national holiday. From 11 a.m. a ceremony will be held at the Shanghai Jinshe Shrine, Kiangwan Road.

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REPORT

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Subject Ceremony celebrating 2597th. Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of the Emperor Jimmu.

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The 2597th. Anniversary of the accession to the throne of the Emperor Jimmu, first Japanese monarch, was celebrated locally with a ceremony at the Shanghai Shrine which commenced at 11 a.m. February 11, 1937.

Nothing of an untoward nature occurred during the ceremony which concluded shortly before mid-day.

Members of the Special Branch and Dixwell Road Station carried out observation duty in the vicinity of the Shrine during the course of the proceedings. The following detectives attended from the Special Branch:-

D.S. Pitts, D.S. Larby and D.S. Kamashita and  
S.D. Havildar 102 and S.D.C. 674.

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Friday, 12th. Feb. 1937.

**FESTIVAL OF  
NATIONAL  
FOUNDATION  
DAY AT JAP-  
ANESE SHRINE.**

Between 11.a.m. to 11.30.a.m. 11-2-37 at the Japanese Shrine, Kiangwan Road, a ceremony in connection with the festival of National Foundation Day was held. Some 1,000 students representing various Japanese schools, Major General Hita, Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy, Rear Admiral Okawachi, Commander of the J.N.L. Party and other Japanese notables attended. Japanese Consular Police were on duty inside the Shrine.

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## REPORT

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Subject Ceremony to be held at the Shanghai Shrine, Kiangwan Road,  
by Japanese residents on February 11.

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The 2,597th Anniversary of the Accession of the Emperor Jimmu, will fall on February 11, on which day local Japanese schools maintained by the Japanese Residents Corporation, Japanese Navy and Japanese Consulate-General will respectively hold a ceremony offering congratulation to His Majesty during the morning. In the Japanese Consulate the ceremony will be held by members of the Consulate between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The public will call on the Consulate between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Local Japanese residents will observe the National Foundation Festival on February 11. In connection with the festival, a ceremony will be held in the site of the Shanghai Shrine, Kiangwan Road, at 11 a.m. under the auspices of various Japanese public bodies. A large number of Japanese residents including high officials are expected to attend. The programme of the ceremony is as follows:-

1. Religious ceremony.
2. Hoisting a Rising Sun Flag.
3. Message or congratulation to be read by Mr. Amano, the President of the Japanese Residents Corporation.
4. Singing of the National Foundation Song.
5. Cheers of three "Banzai".

The function will last about one hour.

In connection with the ceremony to be held in the compound of the shrine, representatives of the Japanese Residents Corporation, Japanese Consular Police, Japanese Naval Landing Party, Japanese Military Police and Japanese Company of S.V.C. gathered at the Japanese Club at 2 p.m. Feb. 6 to consider precautionary measures and decided as follows:

1. Precautionary measures will be adopted from 10 a.m.

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2. Policing of areas surrounding the shrine and regulation of traffic will be undertaken by the Municipal Police.
3. Precaution within the site of the shrine will be controlled by the Japanese Consular Police.
4. The Japanese Naval Landing Party will post sentries at strategic places in the vicinity of the shrine.
5. Japanese Military Police will detail several members in uniform and plain clothes for duty.
6. Precaution at the Rifle Range will be controlled by the Russian Unit, S.V.C. stationed at the Rifle Range. In this connection a request will be made through the Japanese Company S.V.C.
7. Japanese Residents' Corporation will issue special badges to photographers on demand.

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